

# Nov – Dec 2012 Newsletter

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## Pastor's Thoughts

We have just finished our national election. We are so blessed to live in the United States of America where we have the privilege of voting. No matter how you voted, your prayers are needed for our country and its leaders.

Jayne and I wish to thank the church for honoring us on Pastor Appreciation Sunday. Your cards, gifts, and expressions of thoughtfulness were greatly appreciated. We were also blessed with a delicious meal from the "Seekers" SS class, taught by **John Slusher**.

The "Hobert Miller" study and our refurbished book and video library have been dedicated. Both rooms now have new carpet and painted walls. My deepest thanks to members of the congregation who helped refurbish both rooms with their monies and energies.

As we begin the Thanksgiving and Christmas season, let us never forget to thank God for His richest blessings ... the gift of his SON.

*Pastor White*



## WCG/ CWC News

Our Oct. rummage sale made \$330. The WCG/CWC has donated \$100 to Church of God Ministries to assist our Churches who were in the path of hurricane Sandy.

We will be auctioning off two of "Lois Jo Ferrell" quilt tops by Silent Auction at our Thanksgiving Dinner. Bidding will begin at \$100 per quilt top with the proceeds going to Missions. Remember to bring your bottles of dimes for the Christ's Birthday Offering on Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup>.

All women are invited to the Christmas Luncheon at **Charlotte Sorrel's** home on **Tues. Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> at 12 Noon**. Bring a \$5 gift. We will also be making baskets for our shut-ins.

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## Youth News from Dennis Coombs

Greetings from the FCHOG youth ministry! Things are going well. We are starting some new teaching focused on the basics. We are looking at what it means to be a true believer, what it means to be a disciple! I have challenged the group to begin to realize that they have a testimony.

**Zach Adams and Noah Parker** are recovering from recent surgeries. We also would ask your prayers for those in our group who lost a young friend tragically a few weeks ago. Remember this family at this time of grief along with their church.



Our Children's choir will be presenting the musical "The Secret of Snowflake County" on Sunday, **Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>** at 6 PM. You won't want to miss it!

## November – December Calendar of Events

- Sun Nov. 18 Thanksgiving Dinner after AM service (free) Made by June Buchanan and helpers.
- Thurs Nov. 22 Thanksgiving Day
- Sun Nov. 25 Communion Sunday
- Sun Dec. 2 Candles and Carols service, 6 PM
- Mon Dec. 3 Men will shop in Evansville
- Thurs Dec. 6 Church Council meeting, 7 PM
- Sun Dec. 9 Children's Musical, 6 PM
- Tues Dec. 11 WCG/CWC luncheon at Charlotte's
- Wed Dec. 19 Faith Weavers Christmas Party, 6:30 PM
- Sun Dec. 23 Choir Christmas Cantata & CBO Offering
- Mon Dec. 24 Christmas Eve
- Tues Dec. 25 Christmas Day
- Tues Jan. 1 Happy New Year
- Thurs Jan. 3 Church Council (Budget preparation)  
Children meet every Wed. at 6:30 PM for a meal and lesson;  
Prayer group meets at 6:30; Adults and youth meet at 7 PM.

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We extend our deepest sympathy to **Pete and Shirley Hill** in the loss of their son "Emmerson Hill", and Shirley's sister, "Eva Adams".

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We have made great progress in reducing our debt on the Pastor's pension plan. At the end of the year we will owe \$2,000. If you wish to ear-mark additional monies for this effort, please mark it on your tithe envelope.

## Remember our Shut-ins during the

**Holiday Season:** Barbara Embry, Rodney & Sue Butler, Katherine Helton, Bonnie Lamirande, Levi White, and Austin Long. Also remember Donald Buchanan who is recovering from a fractured hip.

### Notes of Thanks:

Thanks to everyone who helped with the Halloween Party for the children. They had a great time and loved their "goodies".

Mary Jane Gamblin and Lisa Coombs.

I would like to take a moment to offer my sincere thanks for the cards, gifts and well wishes for pastor appreciation. From the moment we walked through the doors at FCHOG we have been loved unconditionally and you have poured freely into our lives. Your support and love through my ordination process has been gracious and unending! It is my desire first and foremost to serve and honor God in my ministry. And also to serve you as God's people, with the gifts God has blessed me with. No matter where ministry takes us, you will always have a special place in our hearts!

Dennis Coombs, Associate Pastor

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When we become a Christian, it is not about us, the church, or our desires. It is ALL about HIM!

### OUR PURPOSE STATEMENT

We are a caring, loving community committed to making Christ known. We will make Christ known by spreading His love to the unsaved and nurturing the Body of Christ. Through the enabling of the Holy Spirit we accomplish this by:

- Proclaiming and teaching the word of God
- Exalting God through worship
- Encouraging Christians toward maturity
- Equipping for ministry
- Unifying the body through fellowship

*"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, Teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you, and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."*  
Matthew 28:19, 20 (RSV)

### Ways to Help:

- 1) We will be giving out Christmas treat bags to children Sun. Dec. 9, after their musical. We need five- piece packages of gum, miniature candy bars and money for additional treats. If you can donate any of these items, please contact Treasa Starr by Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- 2) Faith Weavers (Children's program on Wed night) is always in need of chips, juice, cookies, cupcakes, etc. If you can help provide food for this ministry, please see Treasa Starr.
- 3) Our new book and video library is in need of new or recent books and Christians movies. We also need book-ends for our book cases. See Dee Padgett.